

**Dennis Collins** spotted an auction lot in Cavendish Auctions this September. *"AKASSA - VIOLET OVAL HANDSTAMP ON COVER TO LONDON: 1893 (14 March) env. to London bearing QV 2½d purple on blue with "C.M.S " perfin tied by "99" numeral cancellation and with a good strike of the violet oval "THE NIGER TERRITORIES/POST/OFFICE-AKASSA" datestamp of 14 March alongside plus circular red "PAID/LIVERPOOL/BR. PACKET" to lower left. Light vertical crease through "AKASSA" cache. SG.Zb. Res. £200.*

Dennis says it realised £320 + buyers premium (inc. VAT) of £56-40p making a total of £376-40p.

This cover is dated a good two years earlier than any mentioned in the previous articles.

Increased illustration from the auction catalogue. Lot 2532 is the cover described



Est £200

Est £1,000

The other 2 covers  
were non-perfin lots  
from The Royal Niger  
Company